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Expanded Recycling Requirements for Non-Residential and Multi-Family Properties

Recent changes to the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Code, Chapter 109.1, are intended to increase the countywide recycling rate by expanding the recycling requirements for all non-residential and multi-family properties. In summary, all collectors and property managers are required to provide mixed paper collection and recycling to their tenants. Mixed paper includes but is not limited to: **cardboard, newspaper including glossy inserts, magazines, office paper, envelopes, junk mail, catalogues, colored paper and any clean paper that tears.** Some non-residential properties may also be required to recycle a Principal Recyclable Material (PRM) material *in addition* to mixed paper, if they meet certain size thresholds.

Collection companies holding a valid Certificate to Operate (CTO) issued by the Fairfax County Division of Solid Waste Disposal and Resource Recovery must provide mixed paper recycling to all non-residential and multi-family properties starting on July 10, 2007. The following information is excerpted from Fairfax County Code, Chapter 109.1, stating the requirements:

Section 109.1-2-6, Maintenance of recycling system:

“No solid waste permit shall be issued to a collector or continue in effect until and unless the collector provides a written statement that it maintains a recycling system ... to multi-family and non-residential customers.”

Recycling at Multi-Family Properties

Existing Multi-Family Properties - Owners of existing multi-family dwelling units (such as apartment or condominium complexes of any size) must provide a recycling system for their residents by July 10, 2007, to collect mixed paper which includes cardboard, newspaper with glossy inserts, magazines, office paper, envelopes, junk mail, catalogues, colored paper and any clean paper that tears. Mixed paper does not include paper with food residue such as pizza boxes. [See Section 109.1-2-2 (b)]

New Multi-Family Properties – Owners of multi-family dwelling units (such as apartment or condominium complexes of any size) with building permits issued on or after July 10, 2007, must provide a recycling system for their residents for both mixed paper (as described above) and:

- Container glass (i.e., glass food and beverage containers),
- Metal food and beverage containers,
- Plastic bottles and jugs (i.e., plastic containers with neck smaller than the body of the bottle or jug, no other plastic will be recycled), and
- Scrap metal. [See Section 109.1-2-2 (c)]

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Recycling at Non-Residential Properties

Owners of all non-residential properties (which includes schools and institutions) must provide a recycling system for their tenants, occupants, employees and vendors by July 10, 2007, to collect mixed paper which includes cardboard, newspaper with glossy inserts, magazines, office paper, envelopes, junk mail, catalogues, colored paper and any clean paper that tears. Mixed paper does not include paper with food residue such as pizza boxes. [See Section 109.1-2-3 (a)]

Owners of non-residential properties meeting ANY ONE of the following criteria must provide a recycling system for their tenants, occupants, employees and vendors to collect and recycle one PRM *in addition* to mixed paper: [See Section 109.1-2-3 (b) and Public Facilities Manual Section 10-0400]

- An annual total waste stream of 100 tons or more from a single non-residential property; OR
- An annual combined waste stream of 100 tons or more from a business complex or institution; OR
- An annual average occupancy of 200 persons or more at a non-residential property.

A PRM is the recyclable material from the following list that constitutes the largest single component fraction of the facility's recyclable waste stream by weight:

- Ferrous scrap metal;
- Non-ferrous scrap metal;
- Used motor oil;
- Container glass;
- Aluminum or tin cans;
- Cloth;
- Automobile bodies;
- Plastic;
- Clean wood; or
- Brush, leaves, grass, and other arboreal materials.

Recycling Business Registration

All businesses that collect recyclables in Fairfax County as a commercial enterprise must register their organization and all vehicles used for collecting recyclables by July 1, 2007. The following information will be required at the time of registration: (Section 109.1-4-16)

- Name of business and type of business (single propriety, partnership, corporation, etc.);
- Name of parent company (if applicable);
- Owner(s) and Authorized Agent (if applicable);
- Business address, mailing address, e-mail address (if available) and business telephone number;
- A complete list of vehicles to be used in the collection of recyclable materials, including manufacturer, model, and body capacity/style;
- Street address(es) of collection vehicle parking location(s);
- Customer service area by U.S. Postal zip code, and type of service arrangements (e.g., subscription or contract); and
- The types of recyclable material being collected (by established commercial grade), the anticipated quantity to be collected, and the final market, interim processor, or MRF to which collected materials are to be delivered.